

The Resulting Commitment of Repentance and Revival (Nehemiah 10)

Proposition: Every one of us, when we are brought to a heart broken repentance and a heaven sent revival should reflect the continuing commitment we see here in Nehemiah Ch. 10.

- I. **A Public Commitment** (Vs. 1-29)
 - A. A Complete Commitment (Vs. 1-28a)
 - B. A Cutting Commitment (Vs. 28b)
 - C. A Cleaving Commitment (Vs. 29)
- II. **A Promised Commitment** (Vs. 29-33)
 - A. A Serious Promise (Vs. 29)
 - B. A Submissive Promise (Vs. 29)
 - C. A Social Promise (Vs. 30)
 - D. Separating Promise (Vs. 31)
 - E. Stewardship Promise (Vs. 32-33)
- III. **A Practicing Commitment** (Vs. 34-39)
 - A. Regulated Promise (Vs. 34-35)
 - B. A Revived Practice (Vs. 34-35)
 - C. A Revering Practice (Vs. 36-38)
 - D. A Remembered Practice (Vs. 39)

The Resulting Commitment of Repentance & Renewal
(Neh 10) Revival still happens in our
worlds today. Years from now we
will hear account of the great
revival taking place among the house
churches in China. There is no
doubt that such a mighty move
of God will leave a lasting mark.
Take for example the account of the
Revival on the Isle of Lewis in 1950.
Evangelist Duncan Campbell was
asked to preach meetings there. On the
second evenings worth of preaching
a community saturates with God
the results from that saturation
linger on in the changed lives and
lasting ministry that still thrive em
today. In Nehemiah the people of
God had experienced a revival and
a repentance toward God that had
resulted in a written covenant publicly
sealed by the Levites between the
people and God. Every one of us, when
we are brought to a heart broken ^{and} _{committment seen}
a heavier set round should reflect the continuing

I A Public Commitment - (Vs 1-59)

There is a big difference between a public
and a private commitment. Private
commitments are easily rationalized

and can quickly be broken. Alters up front.

A. A Complete Commitment - Now they were not going to even attempt to read off the names of these families but the emphasis is that it was a complete commitment. Nehemiah was in the forefront as a leader making same commitment. Each and every one of us must commit not to a preacher or a church but to God to follow him in obedience.

B. A Cutting Commitment - This is a complete group of God's people because they have cut their ties with the world's people. They separate their individual lives and their families from the goods, groups and the greediness of the world around them. This is in reality the meaning of holiness! Be ye Holy!

C. A Cleaning Commitment - There was a Cleaning Together of the People. If you will remember in Ch 5 this was a people that were taking advantage of one another, that were at each other's throat. And now that same group stood before God claved or fastened, seized together I pray to God that he would dwell in our hearts.

II. A Promised Commitment - As they have assembled together publically They began declare a set of promises before God. Vows not to be taken lightly

1) the congregation lingered outside the church and were joined by others who had not attended the meeting. At that moment, the voice of a young man was heard praying aloud inside the church, and many were moved to join him as a sense of deep conviction came over the crowd. The church was soon filled with people calling upon God for mercy and praising Him for His goodness, and even when they separated in the early hours of the morning, small groups went on praying in various parts of the village. The powerful awakening which swept through Barvas in the following days was not an isolated event, and although Duncan Campbell's preaching was similarly blessed when services were hastily arranged in villages such as Tarbert, Leurbost and Arnol, the revival was felt throughout the whole of Lewis, to such an extent that he later described it as "a community saturated with God".

Be it known unto you therefore, that according to the law of Moses and the prophets, which are written in the law which is in the temple, every one that blasphemeth the name of God, shall be put to death; and he that blasphemeth the name of God, shall surely be put to death, because it is a capital offense.

- 1) Psalms 119:106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will
keep thy righteous judgments.

A. A Serious Promise - They entered into a curse? Most of the time you read a promise from God's people "if we obey, then bless. This curse = if we don't do curse us. We pray Lord I want your blessing. All do this. Not Lord.. Seven

B. A Submissive Promise - This Seven promise was a submission to the command of God. to follow his statutes and laws. To obey! God curse us if we don't. Do you treat God's word as a pickadilly. No! Ps 119:106 D

C. A Social Promise - This promise reached right down to the fabric of society. It reached into the family. The way of Solomon had been the way of the past. Marriage to ~~soldiers~~ soldiers had brought them

D. A Separating Promise - Here it is again. In this commitment to holiness there is signs of separation. I know in the free wheeling society, there are no limitations, but in our lives there are ~~and going to do~~ seem things we

E. A Stewardship Promise - This commitment reached all the way down to the pocketbook. Saw a carton of minister baptizing a fella. While the convert was under water, his hand ^{of all} w/wallet in it was out of water. But is Jesus is Lord Lord

III. A Practicing Promise - Not only was it public and in the form of a serious promise but they went so far as to lay out steps in order to

fulfill the promises that they made.

A. A Regulated Practice - Notice all these very specific steps. Wood off first fruits offering, first born offering. Where did they get these specifics? from the Word of God. A lot of the foolishness in our churches today would cease w/ high regard for the regulating word of God.

B. A Renewed Practice - These were the things that used to be a part of every day practice in times past, but they had been cast aside and forgotten. But now by a Heaven sent sentinel and repentance these commands take on a position of ^{importance} preminent

C. A Revering Practice - These practices were not done just out of an ^{repulsion} attitude but were a reflecter of the priority and the position of God in our lives. He gets the first place the first poster. A Revering Practice

D. A Remembering Practice - What a great public promise we find in the end of the Chapter, "We will not forget". These were a people that in their practice said they will never forget. The Lasting effect of Remembrance is reverence of what God ^{do say}

IV Closing - This was not a private whisper at the beginning of a New year, no it was a public commitment a promise commitment, a practicing committed